

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 4, 5 and 8-10 are now pending, wherein claims 4 and 5 are amended to depend from claim 1, claim 2 is canceled, and claims 8-10 are new.

Claims 1, 2, and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,661,472 to Shintani ("Shintani"). Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Shintani and U.S. Patent No. 5,313,886 to Sugiyama ("Sugiyama"). These grounds of rejection are respectfully traversed.

Shintani does not anticipate Applicants' claim 1 because Shintani does not disclose a channel selection device that performs the first *and* second selecting procedures recited in claim 1. Furthermore, Shintani does not disclose a first selecting procedure that is performed "when receiving an instruction by the predetermined operation key that is not preceded by the main channel number by the numerical-value input keys.

Shintani discloses a method in which a major channel number is entered (step 205), followed by a delimiter (step 210) and a minor channel number (step 215). Shintani does not disclose the first and second selecting procedures recited

in Applicants' claim 1. Nor does Shintani disclose what occurs when the delimiter is not preceded by a main channel number.

The Office Action cites column 5, lines 59-63 and figure 2A to reject *both* the first and second selecting procedures recited in Applicants' claim 1. Figure 2A discloses a *single* selecting procedure in which a major channel number is followed by a delimiter and minor channel number, but does not disclose any other selecting procedure. Similarly, column 5, lines 59-63 describes an example where a user selects virtual channel 4.2 by entering "'4' with a number key 105, '.' with delimiter key 110, and then '2' with a number key 105", but does not disclose any other selecting procedure. These cited sections of Shintani, therefore, cannot disclose the first *and* second selecting procedures recited in Applicants' claim 1.

Moreover, none of the sections cited by the Office Action disclose what occurs when the delimiter key is actuated without being preceded by a number key. Therefore, Shintani does not disclose a first selecting procedure that is performed "when receiving an instruction by the predetermined operation key that is not preceded by the main channel number by the numerical-value input keys," as recited in Applicants' claim 1.

Sugiyama does not remedy the above-identified deficiencies of Shintani, and therefore, the combination cannot render claim 1 obvious. Claims 4 and 5

are patentably distinguishable at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.

For at least those reasons stated above, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 1, 4 and 5 be withdrawn.

New claim 8 recites a method with similar elements to those discussed above with regard to claim 1, and is patentably distinguishable over the current grounds of rejection for similar reasons. New claims 9 and 10 are patentably distinguishable at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #010482.50896).

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